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## CARS RUN AT NIGHT

START UNDER GUARD OF KEY. STONE STATE POLICE.

Churchmen Offer a Plan--Suggest Board of Arbitration to Settle Trouble--Matter Will Be Referred to Directors of Company.

Surface cars were operated on the principal streets of Philadelphia until midnight Thursday for the first time since the beginning of the present strike against the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company. Since Saturday all cars were withdrawn from service at midnight, but tonight, guarded by members of the state police, the cars continued to run, even through the turbulent mill districts of Kensington and Frankford.

Although the company reported Thursday night that 84 cars had been stoned during the day, no violence was permitted to attain serious consequences. Outbreaks were quickly quelled by the police and not a riot call was sent in.

During the day, according to the company's figures, 744 cars were in operation and 86 of these continued to run until midnight. Increased service is promised by the company, which announces that 400 new men, many of whom were formerly in the employ of the company, were hired Thursday and will take out cars.

Officials of the company refused to comment on the request from the committee of churchmen that the grievances of the strikers be submitted to a board of arbitration. It will be referred to the directors of the company.

This proposal for arbitration, which was made by representatives of twenty-six distinct religious denominations, including the leading clergymen of the city, has been approved by the strikers, who suggest, however, that one of the seven members on the proposed board of arbitration be a representative of organized labor.

## ABSCONDER UNDER ARREST.

Defaulting Express Company Cashier Was Wearing a Wig.

Wearing a wig and a pair of blue goggles, George Capron, 32 years old, who is charged with absconding with \$5,000 of the funds of the United States Express company, for whom he was cashier at the Englewood branch in Chicago, was arrested Thursday. When he left Chicago on December 24 a woman is said to have disappeared and the two were supposed to have sojourned at Palm Beach, Fla. At the hotel where he was arrested Capron was posing as a bankrupt business man, saying he had come to Chicago to rehabilitate his finances. When he was accosted by a detective he denied his identity, but the detective reached over and pulled off his wig. Capron then broke down and begged to be given a chance to reimburse the express company.

## SENSATION IN MEAT PROBE.

An Alleged Attempt to Bribe Prosecution.

An attempt has been made to bribe Prosecutor Garven, of Hudson county, N. J., to drop the prosecution of the meat packers, according to a statement made Thursday by an official of Mr. Garven's office in Jersey City.

The allegation is that two men from Chicago had approached an acquaintance of Mr. Garven's and indirectly suggested that the prosecutor could retire a rich man if he would drop the prosecution of the packers.

The official declined to give the name of Mr. Garven's friend who was approached.

When the report of the alleged attempted bribery was brought to Mr. Garven's attention, he made no statement regarding its truth or falsity, but remarked:

"No bribes will go and I will push the beef trust to the limit."

## Conductor is Killed.

John Lawler, street car conductor, was instantly killed; Motorman John Corcoran was probably fatally injured and 15 passengers were severely hurt in Chicago Thursday in a collision between a street car and a Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway passenger train.

## Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$9.30. Top beefs, \$4.60.

## Asks Higher Wages.

Demands for increased pay have been presented by the engineers, firemen and telegraphers of the Delaware and Hudson company. The demands, it was learned Thursday, range from 5 per cent to 70 per cent, but the average increase approximates 20 per cent.

## Sugar is Advanced.

All grades of refined sugar were advanced 10 cents a hundred pounds in New York City Thursday.

## MILK TRUST GIVEN A BLOW.

New York Grand Jury Indicts Eight Directors.

The so-called milk trust was indicted in New York City Wednesday. After a grand jury investigation extending over a period of weeks, a blanket indictment was handed down in the criminal branch of the state supreme court, named eight of seventeen directors of the Consolidated Milk exchange, a New Jersey corporation, and charging that they met June 25, 1909, in New York and conspired together and with others to fix the wholesale price of milk, and did it, at \$1.10 for a 40-quart can of milk.

One year in prison and a fine of not more than \$5,000, or both, is the penalty for each offense, which is a misdemeanor. Bench warrants were issued for the eight directors. They are: Walter E. Comfort, Thomas O. Smith, Frederick E. Seifer, Daniel Bailey, John A. McBride, Henry F. Hentemann, James A. Howell and George Slaughter.

Nine other directors of the exchange escaped indictment, having earned immunity by testifying before the grand jury and before the state inquiry into the milk trade, which is still in progress.

The Consolidated Milk exchange was formed under the laws of New Jersey soon after the supreme court of New York state annulled the charter of the old milk exchange, limited, in 1895. Wednesday's indictments are the first specific results obtained by the state since it began its investigation of the milk trade in Greater New York. A commissioner appointed by the attorney general's office has been holding hearings on the matter at which evidence was obtained to warrant its being laid before the grand jury.

## OVER \$100,000 MISSING.

Shortage Causes Closing of Massachusetts Bank.

Because a shortage, said to be \$144,000, was discovered in the accounts of the National City bank of Cambridge, Mass., that institution was closed Wednesday by order of the controller of the currency and National Bank Examiner Ellis S. Pepper was appointed temporary receiver.

George W. Coleman, bookkeeper of the bank, was absent from Cambridge for several days. The last heard from Coleman was that he was in Kansas City.

The closing of the bank was a surprise to the depositors, most of whom are small business men.

The president of the bank, Edwin E. Dresser, said of the failure:

"Of my own knowledge I don't know of any shortage, but the examiner was at the bank Monday afternoon and he worked there all day Tuesday. We took no deposits after Monday noon, when an investigation was started by our directors. We suspect a man who left Cambridge Friday afternoon. He has sent word to friends in Cambridge from Kansas City that he would be back Thursday."

## THIRTY THOUSAND PICNIC?

The Annual Gathering of Hawkeyes in Southern California.

Thirty thousand sons and daughters of the state of Iowa, seekers of health and fortune in California, gathered at East Lake park in Los Angeles Wednesday in the annual picnic of the Southern California Iowa association. It was the largest crowd ever gathered on a similar occasion. There was a brief program early in the day, which was followed by the election of officers. Steven H. Taft, of Long Beach, who lived for many years in Iowa, and was founder of Humboldt college, in Humboldt county, of that state, was elected honorary president. The other officers were: Dr. E. Henderson, Pomona, president; Judge E. J. Richel, Hollywood, vice president; C. P. Parsons, Artesia, secretary; F. H. Nichols, Los Angeles, treasurer.

## COLLIDES WITH STREET CAR.

Two Persons Killed and a Score More Injured in Collision.

Two persons were killed, two are believed to have been fatally injured and twenty others were hurt in a wreck Wednesday afternoon between a Union Pacific passenger train and a street car in Denver, Colo.

The accident occurred at Forty-seventh avenue and Josephine street. The locomotive of the passenger train, which was running at high speed, struck the front part of the street car, hurling the car across the tracks. The motorman and a woman passenger were killed. It is feared a number of the injured may die.

## Taft Will Speak.

With the strict injunction that he was not to be represented as favoring votes for women, President Taft accepted an invitation to address the opening session of the annual convention of the National American Women's Suffrage association, to be held in Washington April 14.

## Fifty Killed in a Panic.

Fifty persons are reported to have been killed in a panic following a fire in the municipal theater at Trujillo, a town of northern Peru. The fire started among the apparatus used in connection with a moving picture show.

A Japanese was killed at Amoy, China, Wednesday by the accidental ignition of a high explosive concealed in his clothing. It is suspected that the man had planned an assassination.

## RIOTERS USE BOMB.

Quaker City Police Narrowly Escape Death.

Fifteen policemen quartered in the barn of the company at Ridge avenue and York street, in Philadelphia, narrowly escaped death Tuesday night when the entire northeast corner of the building was blown away with dynamite. The explosion occurred just as C. O. Pratt was about to address a meeting of the car met at a hall at Ridge avenue and Dauphin streets. How the dynamite was placed in the car barn is a mystery. The state fenibles, after being harassed and beaten all day by a mob of strike sympathizers, were withdrawn at nightfall. The militia had been powerless against the mob, but a half dozen mounted police had ridden up and down driving the rioters before them during the afternoon.

Members of the fenibles, according to Mayor Reburn, acted as if they were on a picnic, allowing girls in the mill district to wear their caps and cut the brass buttons off their clothing. At one point a group of rioters captured a member of the fenibles and carried him several feet from his post, where they stripped him of his coat, hat and cartridge belt and gun and threw them into a sewer.

Only two cars were run on the Lehigh avenue line during the afternoon, and both were badly shattered by stones. Policemen in this locality were fired upon by a strike sympathizer, who had concealed himself in St. Simon's church. This enraged the guardians and they returned the fire, hitting W. Collins in the groin.

Three boys were shot and probably fatally injured, while several received severe wounds in riots which followed the resumption of service by the company. The shooting occurred in attacks on cars in the northeastern section.

## WITHDRAWS NOMINATIONS.

Due to Cut Made in Salaries Paid the Judges of Customs Court.

The president on Tuesday withdrew the nominations of Alfred C. Cox, William H. Hunt, James F. Smith, Olin M. Barner and Marcel Devries to be judges of the court of customs appeals.

The explanation at the White House of the withdrawal of the nominations was that those positions were offered with the understanding that they were to get \$10,000 a year each, as provided in the Payne bill. Congress having refused to provide more than \$7,000 each, the president felt it would be better to withdraw the names until he had time to inform the men nominated of the facts and ascertain whether they were willing to accept under the new conditions. It is known that some of the proposed judges will not accept at the reduced salaries.

## DEATH TO BE PENALTY.

Walter Rifenberg Is Found Guilty of Murder.

The jury in the Jacob Davis murder case at Ainsworth, Neb., Tuesday morning brought in a verdict finding Walter Rifenberg, alias George Wilson, guilty and fixing the penalty at death.

Davis, who was a pool hall proprietor, was shot and killed on the night of December 27 while on his way home. Robbery was the motive. The evidence pointed strongly toward Wilson and he was arrested. He was familiar with the Davis premises and knew that Davis carried a large roll of money most of the time. Money was found on his person, in the inside of his socks, and a number of bills were stained with blood.

## LEPER EARLY DESTITUTE.

Stranded in New York Without Funds to Keep Family.

John R. Early, former United States infantryman, whom the health authorities at Washington and many physicians have branded as a leper, a destitute in New York City with no means of supporting his wife and two children. Dr. Bulkeley, of the New York Skin and Cancer hospital, who has stood by the unfortunate man throughout the controversy, said that Early's condition was pitiful.

## Fleet to Shoot at Targets.

The seventh torpedo division, comprising the torpedo boat destroyers Smith, the flagship Reid, Lamson, Plusser and Preston, arrived off Pensacola bay Monday night and entered the harbor Tuesday morning. The vessels are there for target practice.

## Confesses to Murder.

The authorities at Lawton, Okla., say that Alonzo Beniz, a Mexican boy, Tuesday confessed that he and John Gonzalez, another Mexican, murdered J. E. Mitchell, a school teacher, near Fletcher last Sunday to cover up their theft of corn from Mitchell's crib.

## Reception to Bryan.

William Jennings Bryan dined Tuesday with President Montt at Santiago, Chile. A reception was given in his honor at the American legation.

## Atherton Passes Away.

Charles Atherton, top boss of the St. Paul mine at Cherry, Ill., died at La Salle Tuesday of bullet wounds inflicted several days previous by Malias Mandritch, a disgruntled miner.

## \$100,000 Fire in Milwaukee.

Fire Tuesday morning destroyed the structure on West Water street, Milwaukee, occupied by the Milwaukee Department store. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

## NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

### Doings of the Week in Condensed Form

## DEATH PENALTY FOR WILSON.

Ainsworth Murderer Given Extreme Limit by Jury.

At Ainsworth the jury in the Davis murder case after deliberating ten hours and forty minutes Tuesday morning brought in a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree and imposed the death penalty. Owing to the fact that it was a holiday the court could not set the date of execution nor the attorney for the defendant file a motion for a new trial, but he did ask for a day or two in which to arrange his affairs, and the court set February 25 as the time for hearing of motions, etc.

Walter Rifenberg, alias George Wilson, convicted of the crime, received the verdict without a quiver, and when taken back to his cell in the county jail took up the work of writing letters.

The crime of which Wilson was convicted was a most atrocious one. J. Davis, Jr., who conducted a pool hall, on the night of December 27, last closed his business at 11 o'clock and started home. He was shot while passing through an alley near his home, the bullet passing almost through his head. His pockets were robbed of about \$25. The body was then dragged to a barn nearby, where Davis must have partially revived. The murderer then took some sharp instrument and inflicted a number of serious wounds about the head. Davis lived but an hour or two and never regained consciousness. Wilson was suspected and placed under arrest, and when searched about \$225 was found on his person, the most of it having been concealed in his shoes. At the trial, which occupied three days, it was found that Wilson had deserted a wife and child at Lead, S. D., and that he was also a deserter from the United States army at Fort Meade, S. D., having been a member of Troop I, Fourth cavalry. The evidence, though circumstantial, was particularly damning. Nine of the pieces of money found on Wilson contained blood spots, as did his hat and coat and the door knob of his room at the hotel.

## FOR SCHOOL SPIRIT.

Plans Laid to Hold Annual Banquet to Boost This Plan Afloat.

The fraternities of the state university have decided to hold an annual banquet each year for the purpose of creating a stronger bond of university spirit among themselves. It is planned to have every fraternity man--active and alumni--of Lincoln present at this annual dinner.

Members of the Nebraska fraternities feel that the school lacks a true university spirit and they are inaugurating the annual banquet scheme in order to bring the underclassmen to feel a strong regard for the various institutions of the big school. It is thought that the students by this plan will come to have such a love for their school that they will take a keen interest in the institution after they are graduated and will do more than the present alumni for promoting the various Cornhusker interests.

## LEARNING HOW TO COOK.

Wealthy Families Teaching Daughters the Culinary Art.

Appreciating the fact that perhaps the time is not far distant when it will be impossible to find women who, for wages, will be willing to go into the kitchen and cook, many of the rich families of Omaha have induced the daughters to learn the secrets of the culinary art. As a result Miss Margaret Coffin, expert instructor at the rooms of the Y. W. C. A., has a class of rich young women, who, so to speak, are learning their A, B, C's in the cooking line. As a rule the young women are making rapid progress, and inside of two months Miss Coffin will turn out thirty to forty proficient cooks. Lessons consume an hour, and are given daily for five days each week.

## Roundhouse Burned.

Fire destroyed the roundhouse of the Burlington at Table Rock. Every thing of value was saved from the building. The origin of the fire is supposed to be from the explosion of a lamp. The blue prints are already there for a new eight-stall, brick roundhouse, as this was an old frame structure that has done duty for a quarter of a century or more, and it is supposed the fire will serve to hasten the erection of the new structure.

## Editor's Wife Expires.

Following an illness of more than a year, Mrs. John E. Donovan succumbed to cancer at her home at Madison. Mrs. Donovan had been confined to her bed for two months. She was the wife of J. E. Donovan, for many years editor of the Star-MaE and at one time president of the Nebraska Press association.

## Declaratory Contest.

A high school declaratory contest will be held at Beatrice Thursday, March 3. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be given those winning first place. The winner of the contest will represent Beatrice at the annual debate to be held there the last of March, during the meeting of the Southern Nebraska Educational association.

## Drops Dead at Sale.

Ed Watson, 52 years, living five miles northeast of Uteca, dropped dead at Valdefelt's sale. He was engaged in conversation with a number of men and grew very much excited about the subject under discussion and, as he was troubled with heart failure, it is supposed this caused his death.

## New Principal at Lexington.

Prof. D. F. Dickerson, of the normal student body, has accepted a position as principal of the high school at Lexington. Mr. Dickerson is an experienced teacher and last year held a like position at Atlanta, Neb.

## Moving Pictures for Insane Asylum.

The state board of public lands and buildings will buy a moving picture machine for the amusement of the insane patients at the Norfolk asylum.

## FIRE LOSS AT AINSWORTH.

Early Morning Blaze Does Damage to Amount of \$5,000.

Fire in the J. Davis building on Main street in Ainsworth at 4 o'clock Sunday morning completely destroyed that structure and its contents, a number of pool and billiard tables and furniture. It badly damaged an adjoining building owned by Ben East and occupied by Charles Anderson as a restaurant and confectionery store. A building owned and occupied by Rucker & Foster as a barber shop was razed to the ground by firemen to prevent the spread of the flames to the north. Burwell & Beatty, undertakers, also suffered the loss of caskets to the amount of \$500.

The Ainsworth Telephone company is almost out of commission on account of the fire, which destroyed the cables and wires which covered the west and north parts of the city and all but two of the country lines. The damage caused by the fire will aggregate \$5,000, only partially covered by insurance. A strong wind prevailed when the fire was first discovered, but it died down and enabled the firemen by heroic work to confine the flames to the Davis and East buildings. The origin is unknown, but it is supposed the blaze started from a cigar stump or hot ashes.

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## CHILD BADLY SCALDED.

In Serious Condition and May Not Recover.

Little Phillip McCann, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McCann, of Fremont, was badly scalded while playing steam engine with a number of other children. The children plugged up a tin can full of water and built a hot fire under it. They were playing that was the steam engine over a brick plant and were busily engaged in making bricks out of mud and drying them over the fire, when suddenly, with a loud report, the can exploded. Hot water splashed over the little Phillip McCann's legs and they were badly scalded. Physicians are not certain whether his life can be saved. If he lives, it will be necessary to graft skin over the damaged places.

## BOND ISSUE MAY BE MADE.

Grand Island Contemplates Extension of Plant.

Notwithstanding the fact that within the past few years over five miles of additional mains have been laid out of the general receipts of the municipally owned and operated water plant at Grand Island, the requests for further extensions are such that a small bond issue is in contemplation by the city for the enlargement of the plant both as to mains and as to pumping capacity. No definite proposition has as yet been made. The growth of the city has in the recent years been such that without a little additional capital invested the demands on the plant can scarcely be met.

## Fall Wheat Injured.

Many farmers around Nelso are of the opinion that the fall wheat has been seriously injured, by the many sudden extreme changes in temperature and the unusually severe weather experienced this winter. By making a close inspection, they say, it is found that many of the young plants are dead.

## Judge H. D. Travis to Have Held a Special Term of the District Court at Nebraska City last week, but wired from Denver, Colo., that he was still feeling ill and adjourned the court until March 7, when the regular term will be held.

## Revival in Progress.

Revival meetings are being held in the First Methodist church in Albion. The meetings are being conducted by the pastor, Dr. H. H. Millard. So far the cold weather has cut down the attendance.

## Young Man Missing.

Herbert Holdrege, a young man who until recently worked as a hotel clerk at Humboldt, left last Sunday and his whereabouts are unknown.

## PHILADELPHIA FACING PARALYSIS BY STRIKE

Walk-Out Which May Involve 100,000 Men Ordered and Attacks on Cars Go On.

## POLICE SHOOT TWO YOUTHS.

Bloodshed as Street-Railway Situation Gets Worse--Organizer Pratt Held in \$3,000 Bail.

While rioting which may cost the life of at least one victim was going on, the Central Labor Union of Philadelphia declared a sympathetic strike of all organized labor in the city affiliated with the central body. The union claims a membership of 100,000. Its action was the result of the arrest and detention of Clarence O. Pratt, national organizer of the street car men.

Whether the order will be obeyed by all cannot be told now. President Murphy of the Central Labor Union declares that the order will not go into effect before it receives the approval of the presidents of the unions. The Central Labor body is composed of 300 delegates, said to represent 100 unions, in various trades. The labor leaders are holding conferences to decide when the strike order shall go into effect. If it is carried out to the letter it will mean serious consequences for the city, which probably will be felt in other places than Philadelphia.

Pratt was given a hearing and held in \$3,000 bail, charged with inciting to riot, conspiracy and disorderly conduct. President Murphy was indignant against the city officials for taking Pratt into custody.

Trouble was reported from Kensington, in the northeastern part of the city, the great mill district, where two boys were shot. A crowd of youths lay in wait for a car and as it passed hurled a shower of stones. Two policemen who were on the car as protectors of the crew opened fire on the boys and when the youths fled it was found that two had been wounded. Both were rushed to a hospital and an examination showed that one had been shot in the chest and that the other had been injured slightly.

Coming suddenly when least expected, this strike was declared against the Philadelphia Rapid Transit by the Unamalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway employees the other day. Two cars were burned the same night, a score of cars were attacked, forcing their crews to abandon them, and numerous arrests were made. Except in the central part of the city, street railway service was almost at a standstill. Cars running through the central stations were heavily protected. Along Kensington avenue lumber and other obstructions were piled on the tracks.

Two hundred and ninety-seven cars wrecked, scores of persons injured, and 150 strike sympathizers arrested was the result of the second day's rioting in connection with the strike. The disorders stopped only when the company decided not to operate its lines for several hours. By the time this decision was made conditions had become so serious that Mayor Reburn had sworn in 3,000 extra police and had issued a proclamation enforcing the riot act and placing the city under what practically was martial law.

## CHICAGO PACKERS INDICTED.

Grand Jury Votes True Bills Against National Company's Officers.

The directors of the National Packing Company--practically all of them Chicago men--were indicted by the grand jury of Hudson county, New Jersey, sitting in Jersey City. The indictments are against the men as individuals. All the directors of the company are included with the exception of Kenneth K. McLaren, a resident of New Jersey and not active in the corporation.

The corporations and its directors are the same ones now the subject of a federal grand jury inquiry in Chicago. That investigation has been under way for several weeks and is expected to continue for three weeks longer before the voting of bills. In the Jersey City grand jury's indictment the National Company's directors are charged with conspiracy in that they kept foodstuffs in cold storage with the purpose of raising the price. The indictments are to be handed up to Supreme Court Justice Francis J. Swayze.

## TIME SAVES \$173,000 THEIF.

Statute of Limitation Now Applies in Chicago Subtreasury Case.

The mystery of who stole \$173,000 from the United States subtreasury in Chicago three years ago may be solved some day, but never in a criminal court. The statute of limitations has run against any sort of criminal action, and the much-sought thief is now free to come out and tell all about it without fear of being sent to jail. That is now left of the famous case in a libel suit instituted by George W. Fitzgerald, the former cashier in the subtreasury, after he had been arrested and dismissed without trial on the charge of having stolen the money. The defendants in this suit are William Boldenweck, subtreasurer; H. F. Young, manager of a Chicago detective agency, and a morning newspaper.

## EXPLORER THOUGHT DEAD BACK

Arthur T. Leith Returns to Washington from Labrador's Wilds.

Mourning as dead for four months, Arthur T. Leith, a geologist, explorer and hunter, has returned, safe and well, from the frozen regions of the north shore of Lake Superior, with his brother, Dr. C. K. Leith, professor of geology in the University of Wisconsin; F. S. Adams of Duluth and Hugh Roberts of Superior, Wis. They went 150 miles north of the Labrador trading post of Great Whales. Dr. Leith and Mr. Roberts made their way home in the fall, but the other two men remained until Christmas and experienced terrible hardships.

## GIVE UP HOPE FOR NINA.

Warships Ordered to Discontinue Search for Missing Flag.

All hope that the missing United States navy tug Nina, which left Norfolk Feb. 6 bound to Boston, with thirty-two persons aboard, is still afloat, has been abandoned by the navy department and the warships which have been searching for the Nina were ordered to discontinue their hunt.

## IMPERILED BY PAROLE DECISION

It May Affect Many State Appointive Officers and Commissioners.

The Illinois Supreme Court, by its opinion in the Joyce parole case, declaring the law establishing the parole board to be unconstitutional, has caused a political panic in the Statehouse. Interpretation of the opinion by State officers who prefer not to talk yet for publication is that close construction of the Joyce opinion makes it extremely problematical whether more than one-half of the appointive officers and commissions of the State are constitutional or that the men holding these places can lawfully draw their salaries. These officers and commissions are declared to be in the identical predicament with the parole board, which was wiped off the map by the Supreme Court decision.

The board of administration of public charities. The fire marshal. The pure food commission. The post office reformatory board. The mining investigating commission.

The secretaries to the Supreme justices.

The greater scare attached to the hidden paragraph in the Dunn opinion comes from a close reading of the judicial view that an act creative of an office or a commission, which is silent in its title as to the salary or compensation of the officer or board therein named, but which in the body of the bill establishes, provides, or appropriates for compensation of these officers, is unconstitutional so far as it applies to payment.

## ZERO WEATHER CLOSES SCHOOLS.

Indiana and Ohio Snowfall of 20 Inches Forces as Necessary Pauses.

Zero weather from solid the snow 19 inches in Indiana and most of the smaller cities of the state were closed. Travel on the interurban electric railways was slow and uncertainly and many highways were blocked by drifts. The temperature dropped sharply at the close of a forty-eight hour snowstorm and registered from 2 to 6 degrees below zero in different sections of the state. The public schools at Marion, O., were dismissed the other day, as practically none of the children was able to reach the buildings. A snowfall of nineteen inches covers the streets. The heavy fall caused the collapse of the \$10,000 frame auditorium at Zanesville, Ohio. Complaints are coming in from central Ohio farming districts that live stock is suffering from lack of water, as the small streams are frozen up.

## KILLED AND HURT IN THEATER.

Floor Suddenly Collapses Because of Flames in Basement.

Five hundred persons attending a small theater at Patton, Pa., were precipitated into the basement of the building when the floor collapsed during a fire, and one person was killed. The fire started from an unknown origin, in the basement of the building, while the theater on the first floor was filled with persons watching a moving picture show. By the time smoke began to appear in the roof the floor had already weakened by the flames, and when the rush for the doors began the floor collapsed,